BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CALDERON, JAHAM & OSBORN, AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION 1679 Emerald Point Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019 Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075,

THOMAS J. SAIZ 1679 Emerald Point Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019 Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. 61356,

Respondents.

Case No. AC-2008-23

OAH No. 2009030621

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter solely with respect to Respondent Calderon, Jaham & Osborn.

This Decision shall	become effective	on	08-30-2009	
It is so ORDERED	07-31-2009			······································

FOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. AC-2008-23
13	CALDERON, JAHAM & OSBORN, OAH No. 2009030621 AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION
14 15	1679 Emerald Point Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019 Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075, STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT CALDERON, JAHAM & OSBORN
16 17	THOMAS J. SAIZ
18	1679 Emerald Point Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019 Certified Public Accountant Certificate No.
19	61356,
20	Respondents.
21	In the interest of a prompt and speedy resolution of this matter, consistent with the
22	public interest and the responsibility of the California Board of Accountancy of the Department
. 23	of Consumer Affairs the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Surrender of License
24	and Order which will be submitted to the Board for approval and adoption as the final disposition
25	of the Accusation solely with respect to Calderon, Jaham & Osborn.
26	<u>PARTIES</u>
27	1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California
28	Board of Accountancy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented

in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of California, by Ron Espinoza, Deputy Attorney General.

- 2. Calderon, Jaham & Osborn (Respondent) and Thomas J. Saiz are represented in this proceeding by Tomas A. Ortiz, Esq., whose address is Garrett and Tully, 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 1400, Pasadena, CA 91101.
- 3. On or about July 12, 1979, the California Board of Accountancy issued Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075 to Respondent Calderon, Jaham & Osborn, an Accountancy Corporation. The license is in an active status, and will expire on July 31, 2009, unless renewed.
- 4. Thomas J. Saiz, President and sole shareholder of Respondent Calderon, Jaham & Osborn, has been authorized to enter into this stipulated settlement on behalf of Respondent (Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075).

JURISDICTION

5. Accusation No. AC-2008-23 was filed before the California Board of Accountancy (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on October 7, 2008. Respondent timely filed its Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. AC-2008-23 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent's President Thomas J. Saiz has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC-2008-23. Thomas J. Saiz also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 7. Thomas J. Saiz is fully aware of Respondent's legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against it; the right to present evidence and to testify on its own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses

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and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

8. On behalf of Respondent, Thomas J. Saiz voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. AC-2008-23, agrees that cause exists for discipline against it and hereby surrenders its Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- 10. Respondent's President Thomas J. Saiz understands that by signing this stipulation, he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of Respondent's Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075 without further process.

CONTINGENCY

- Accountancy. Respondent's President Thomas J. Saiz understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the California Board of Accountancy may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or its counsel. By signing the stipulation, Thomas J. Saiz understands and agrees that Respondent may not withdraw this agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Tomas A. Ortiz, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075. I enter into this !!tipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Board of Accountancy. DATED: Que 2, 2009. Thomas J. Seiz, Individually find on behalf of CALDERON, JAHAM & OSBORN Respondent I have read and fully discussed with Respondent's President Thomas J. Saiz the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I approve its form and content. DATED: TOMAS A. DRYIZ, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent and Thomas J. Salz /// 111 /// /// ///

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of Consumer Affairs. DATED: EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California JAMES M. LEDAKIS Supervising Deputy Attorney General Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant DOJ Matter ID: SD2008801294 80362404.wpd

Exhibit A
Accusation No. AC-2008-23

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17	THOMAS J. SAIZ	
18	1679 Emerald Point Ct. El Cajon, CA 92019	
19	Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. 61356,	
20	Respondents.	
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22	Complainant alleges:	
23	<u>PARTIES</u>	
24	1. Patti Bowers ("Complainant")	brings this Accusation solely in her official
25	capacity as Acting Executive Officer of the California	a Board of Accountancy, Department of
26	Consumer Affairs, State of California.	
27	2. On or about July 12, 1979, the	California Board of Accountancy issued
28	Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate	No. 1075 to Calderon, Jaham & Osborn,

1	an Accountancy Corporation ("Respondent CJO"). The license is in an active status, and will
2	expire on July 31, 2009, unless renewed.
3	3. On or about March 21, 1992, the California Board of Accountancy issued
4	Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. 61356 to Thomas J. Saiz ("Respondent Saiz"). The
5	license is in an active status, and will expire on July 31, 2009, unless renewed. Respondent Saiz
6	is the sole shareholder of Respondent CJO, effective January 1, 2000.
7	<u>JURISDICTION</u>
8	4. This Accusation is brought before the California Board of Accountancy
9	("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All
10	section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.
11	5. Code section 5100 states:
12	After notice and hearing the board may revoke, suspend, or refuse to
13	renew any permit or certificate granted under Article 4 (commencing with Section 5070) and Article 5 (commencing with Section 5080), or may censure the holder
14	of that permit or certificate for unprofessional conduct that includes, but is not limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:
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16	(b) A violation of Section 478, 498, or 499 dealing with false statements or omissions in the application for a license, in obtaining a certificate as a certified
17	public accountant, in obtaining registration under this chapter, or in obtaining a permit to practice public accountancy under this chapter.
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19 20	(g) Willful violation of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated by the board under the authority granted under this chapter.
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22	(l) The imposition of any discipline, penalty, or sanction on a registered
23	public accounting firm or any associated person of such firm, or both, or on any other holder of a permit, certificate, license, or other authority to practice in this
24	state, by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board or the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or their designees under the
25	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or other federal legislation.
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6. Code section 5156 states:

An accountancy corporation shall not do or fail to do any act the doing of which or the failure to do which would constitute unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation now or hereafter in effect. In the conduct of its practice, it shall observe and be bound by such statutes, rules and regulations to the same extent as a person holding a permit under Section 5070 of this code. The board shall have the same powers of suspension, revocation and discipline against an accountancy corporation as are now or hereafter authorized by Section 5100 of this code, or by any other similar statute against individual licensees, provided, however, that proceedings against an accountancy corporation shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the board shall have all the powers granted therein.

7. Code section 498 states:

A board may revoke, suspend, or otherwise restrict a license on the ground that the licensee secured the license by fraud, deceit, or knowing misrepresentation of a material fact or by knowingly omitting to state a material fact.

8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 87, provides:

(a) 80 Hours.

As a condition of active status license renewal, a licensee shall complete at least 80 hours of qualifying continuing education as described in Section 88 in the two-year period immediately preceding license expiration, and meet the reporting requirements specified in subsection (a) of Section 89. A licensee engaged in the practice of public accountancy as defined in Section 5051 of the Business and Professions Code is required to hold a license in active status. No carryover of continuing education is permitted from one two-year license renewal period to another.

(b) Government Auditing Continuing Education Requirement.

A licensee who engages in planning, directing, conducting substantial portions of field work, or reporting on financial or compliance audits of a governmental agency shall complete 24 of the 80 hours required pursuant to subsection (a) in the areas of governmental accounting, auditing or related subjects. This continuing education shall be completed in the same two-year license renewal period as the report is issued. A governmental agency is defined as any department, office, commission, authority, board, government-owned corporation, or other independent establishment of any branch of federal, state or local government. Related subjects are those which maintain or enhance the licensee's knowledge of governmental operations, laws, regulations or reports; any special requirements of governmental agencies; subjects related to the specific or unique environment in which the audited entity operates; and other auditing subjects which may be appropriate to government auditing engagements. A licensee who meets the requirements of this subsection shall be deemed to have met the requirements of subsection (c).

1	(d) A licensee who must complete continuing education pursuant to subsections (b) and/or (c) of this section shall also complete an additional eight
2	hours of continuing education specifically related to the detection and/or reporting of fraud in financial statements. This continuing education shall be part of the 80
3	hours of continuing education required by subsection (a), but shall not be part of the continuing education required by subsections (b) or (c). This requirement
4	applies to licensees who renew their licensee on or after July 1, 2005.
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6	9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 89, provides:
7	(a) Upon renewal, a licensee who is required, pursuant to Section 87, to obtain continuing education must provide a written statement, signed under
8 9	penalty of perjury, certifying that the requisite number of continuing education hours has been obtained. The licensee shall disclose the following information concerning courses or programs claimed as qualifying continuing education:
10	(1) Course title or description
11.	(2) Date of completion
12	(3) Name of school, firm or organization providing the course or program
13	(4) Method of study, i.e., whether course or program is self-study, live presentation or Group Internet-Based Program (Webcast)
14	(5) Number of hours earned.
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17	(c) If continuing education credit for attending a continuing education course is claimed, the licensee shall obtain and retain for four years after renewal a certificate of completion or its equivalent disclosing the following information:
18	(1) Name of licensee in attendance
19	(2) School, firm or organization conducting course
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21	(3) Location of course attended
22	(4) Title of course or description of content
23	(5) Dates of attendance except when the licensee attended a course for academic credit given by a college, university, or other institution of higher
24	learning accredited by an association recognized by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, in which case the applicant may provide evidence of a grade of pass or "credit" to satisfy this requirement.
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26	(6) Number of hours of actual attendance except when the licensee attended a course for academic credit given by a college, university, or other institution of higher learning accredited by an association recognized by the
27	Secretary of the United States Department of Education, in which case the applicant may provide evidence of a grade of pass or "credit" to satisfy this
28	requirement.

2	(d) If continuing education credit is claimed for completing a self-study course, the licensee shall obtain and retain for four years after renewal a certificate of completion or its equivalent disclosing the following information:
3	(1) Name of licensee taking the course
4	(2) School, firm, or organization providing the course
5	(3) Title of course or description of contents
6	(4) Date of completion
7	(5) Number of hours of continued education credit granted for completing
8	the course.
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10	<u>COST RECOVERY</u>
11	10. Code section 5107, subdivision (a), states:
12.	The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law
13	judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violations
14	of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees. The board
15	shall not recover costs incurred at the administrative hearing.
16	FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE
17	(Discipline by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission)
18	11. Respondent CJO is subject to disciplinary action under Business and
19	Professions Code section 5100, subdivision (I), in that on or about December 12, 2007, pursuant
20	to entry of a final judgment, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission imposed
21	discipline on said Respondent. The circumstances are as follows:
22	A. On or about December 10, 2007, the United States Securities and
23	Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed its complaint against Respondents CJO and Thomas Saiz
24	for violations of the federal securities laws in Securities and Exchange Commission v . Thomas J
25	Saiz and Calderon, Jaham & Osborn, United States District Court, Southern District of
26	California, Case No. 07-CV2308-L-JMA. In its complaint, the SEC alleged that Respondents, as
27	the independent auditor for the City of San Diego ("City") for the fiscal years ended June 30,
28	2001 and 2002, made false and misleading statements in connection with municipal securities

offerings by the City. Specifically, the SEC alleged, inter alia, that Respondents 1) issued unqualified audit reports for the above fiscal years stating that the City's financial statements were presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and that the audits were performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards ("GAAS"), when they were not; 2) drafted the footnote disclosures to the City's financial statements in the audit reports, which contained materially false and misleading statements regarding the City's funding of its pension and retiree health care obligations; 3) consented to the City including these audit reports in the offering documents for its five 2002 and 2003 municipal securities offerings that raised approximately \$261 million from investors.

- B. Based on these allegations, the SEC complaint against Respondents contained claims for relief under Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (fraud in the offer or sales of securities) and under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder (fraud in connection with the purchase or sale of securities).
- C. On or about December 12, 2007, Respondents consented to the entry of final judgments against them on the SEC complaint, without admitting or denying the allegations therein, except as to jurisdiction, which they admitted. The final judgments permanently restrained and enjoined Respondents from violating Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. In addition, Respondent Saiz was ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,000 to the SEC.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission)

12. Respondent Saiz is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 5100, subdivision (I), in that on or about December 12, 2007, pursuant to entry of a final judgment, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission imposed discipline on said Respondent, as specified in paragraph 11 above, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Complete Continuing Education Requirements)

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- 13. Respondent Saiz is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 5100, subdivision (g), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 87, in that he failed to complete the continuing education requirements for his July 31, 2003, and July 31, 2005, renewal periods. The circumstances are as follows:
- A. For the license renewal periods ended July 31, 2003, and July 31, 2005, Respondent was required to complete 80 hours of continuing education within each two-year renewal period. Within the 80 hours for each of the two renewal periods, Respondent was required to complete 24 hours in the areas of governmental accounting, auditing or related subjects. For his July 31, 2005 renewal period, Respondent was also required to complete, within the 80 hours, eight hours of continuing education specifically related to the detection and/or reporting of fraud in financial statements.
- B. On or about June 22, 2007, the Board requested Respondent Saiz, in writing, to provide a listing of the continuing education courses that he completed for his July 31, 2003, and July 31, 2005, license renewals, along with supporting certificates of completion. No response was provided by Respondent to the Board. On or about August 1, 2007, the Board made a second written request to Respondent Saiz to provide the continuing education information and supporting documentation. On or about August 31, 2007, Respondent, through his counsel, sent correspondence to the Board stating that Respondent did not maintain copies of the requested certificates of completion, but would provide a listing of the continuing education courses completed. Respondent Saiz subsequently failed to provide a listing of the courses or any certificates of completion.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Retain Continuing Education Certificates)

14. Respondent Saiz is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 5100, subdivision (g), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 89, in that he failed to retain continuing education certificates of completion or their

incorporated by reference.

circumstances are as follows:

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FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

equivalent for four years after renewal as specified in paragraph 13 above, which is hereby

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(Misrepresentation of Material Fact on License Renewal)

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Respondent Saiz is subject to disciplinary action under Business and 15. Professions Code section 5100, subdivision (b), in conjunction with Sections 498 and 5100, subdivision (g), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 89, subdivision (a), in that he knowingly made a misrepresentation of material fact on his 2005 Certified Public Accountant Renewal Form by stating that he had completed the required continuing education. The

On his July 31, 2005, license renewal form, Respondent Saiz marked that Α. he was renewing as an "active" licensee and that he had completed the required number of hours of continuing education during the two years preceding his license expiration date. By renewing as an active licensee, Respondent was required to identify on his renewal form the actual continuing education he completed. Respondent, however, failed to identify or list any completed continuing education on his continuing education reporting worksheet that accompanied his renewal form to the Board. In addition, Respondent was requested by the Board, in writing, on June 22, 2007, August 1, 2007, September 13, 2007, and November 13, 2007, to provide a listing of the continuing education and supporting certificates of completion for his July 2005 license renewal. Respondent failed to provide any continuing education information or documentation to confirm that he had taken the claimed hours of continuing education.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate No. 1075 issued to Calderon, Jaham & Osborn, an Accountancy Corporation;

1	2. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified
2	Public Accountant Certificate No. 61356 issued to Thomas J. Saiz;
3	3. Ordering Calderon, Jaham & Osborn, an Accountancy Corporation, and
4	Thomas J. Saiz to pay the California Board of Accountancy the reasonable costs of the
5	investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code
6	section 5107; and
7	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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